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To provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Arnold Palmer in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BACA (for himself, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. BURR, and Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Arnold Palmer is a world famous golf pro-
6 fessional, a highly-successful business executive, a
7 prominent advertising spokesman, a devoted hus-

1 band, father, and grandfather, and a man with a
2 common touch that has made him one of the most
3 popular and accessible public figures in history.

4 (2) Arnold Palmer amassed 92 championships
5 in professional competition of national or inter-
6 national stature by the end of 1993, 61 of which
7 came on the Professional Golf Association Tour.

8 (3) Arnold Palmer's magnetic personality and
9 unfailing sense of kindness and thoughtfulness have
10 endeared him to millions throughout the world.

11 (4) Arnold Palmer has been the recipient of
12 countless honors including virtually every national
13 award in golf and both the Hickok Athlete of the
14 Year and Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Year
15 awards, and he was chosen Athlete of the Decade for
16 the 1960s in a national Associated Press poll.

17 (5) Arnold Palmer has received numerous hon-
18 ors outside the world of sports, including the Patriot
19 Award of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society
20 and the Golden Plate award of the American Acad-
21 emy of Achievement.

22 (6) Arnold Palmer served his country for 3
23 years in the United States States Coast Guard and
24 was among those chosen to address the Joint Ses-
25 sion of Congress on the occasion of the 100th anni-

1 versary of the birth of President Dwight D. Eisen-
2 hower.

3 (7) Arnold Palmer served as Honorary National
4 Chairman of the March of Dimes Birth Defects
5 Foundation for 20 years and played a major role in
6 the fund-raising drive that led to the creation of the
7 Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and Women in
8 Orlando and the Latrobe Area Hospital Charitable
9 Foundation in his Western Pennsylvania hometown.

10 (8) Arnold Palmer remains active in tour-
11 nament golf, although he retired from competition in
12 the major championships on April 14, 2002, when
13 he played the last of his 48 Masters Tournaments,
14 where he was given an emotional standing ovation as
15 he finished the 18th hole.

16 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

17 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
18 the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tem-
19 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
20 for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold
21 medal of appropriate design to Arnold Palmer in recogni-
22 tion of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence
23 and good sportsmanship.

24 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the
25 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary

1 of the Treasury shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-
2 blems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the
3 Secretary.

4 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

5 Under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treas-
6 ury may prescribe, the Secretary may strike duplicate
7 medals in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to
8 section 2 and sell such duplicate medals at a price suffi-
9 cient to cover the costs of the duplicate medals (including
10 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-
11 penses) and the cost of the gold medal.

12 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

13 The medals struck under this Act are national medals
14 for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.

15 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

16 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF CHARGES.**—There is author-
17 ized to be charged against the United States Mint Public
18 Enterprise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to pay
19 for the cost of the medals authorized by this Act.

20 (b) **PROCEEDS OF SALE.**—Amounts received from the
21 sale of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be
22 deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise
23 Fund.

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